

*In Loving Memory
of
Johnnie Mae Sanders*

*Sunrise
July 15, 1925*

*Sunset
November 8, 2003*



*Services Held
Monday, November 17, 2003
11:00am
Sunset View Mortuary
101 Colusa Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530*

Sister Johnnie Mae Sanders



On November 8, 2003, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ called home one of his devoted soldiers, Johnnie Mae Sanders.

Sister Johnnie Mae Sanders was born on July 15, 1925 in Dallas, TX to the parentage of Johnnie Mae and George Alexander, later raised by her loving father, Eldridge Taylor.

She received her education in the public schools in Dallas, TX.

She accepted Christ at an early age joining Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church where she was baptized under the late Rev. A.N. Starr.

In later years she relocated with her family to Richmond, CA.

She united with St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. R.L. Johnson where she was an active member of the Usher Board, Missionary Society, and Supervisor of the Jr. Choir. She later worked as Co-Chairperson on the Mother's Board under the leadership of Rev. Lloyd Farr.

She was a member of Golden Poppy Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star where she worked faithfully with her Chapter, Star of Love Chapter #22.

In 1975 she married the love of her life, Eddie Sanders. They spent many loving years together traveling and cherishing the company of family and close friends.

She will always be remembered as a devoted care giver for her mother, father, and husband. Precious memories of her love and compassion will forever be with her daughters, Veda Gaines and son-in-law Gary Gaines of El Cerrito, CA; Marie Cole and son-in-law Tony Cole of Oakland, CA; and daughter-in-law Leila Sanders of Oakland, CA; her sisters Rose Tucker of Richmond, CA, Theresa Reese and Clarice Petty of Dallas, TX; her brothers Henry Alexander and George Alexander also of Dallas, TX.

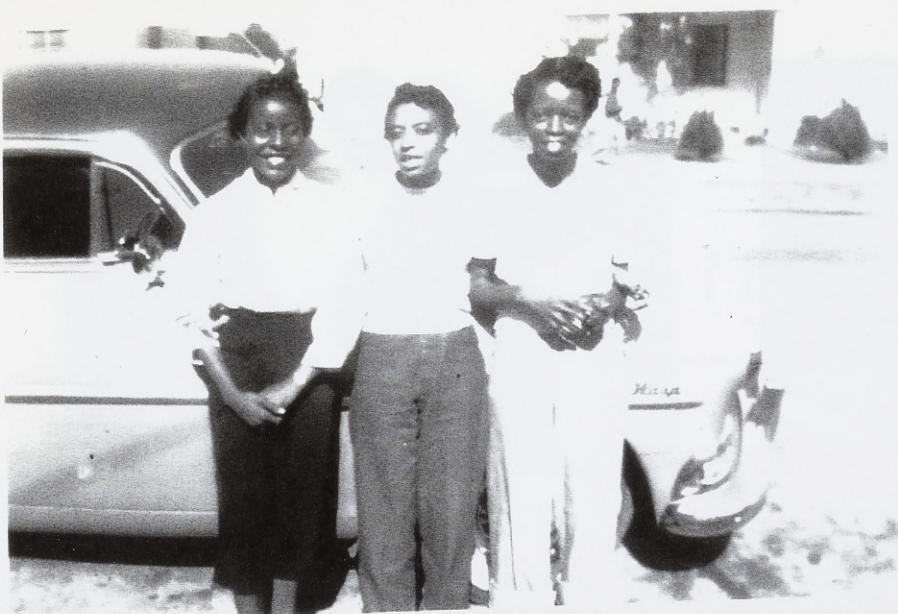
Loving grandchildren Marla, Tammy, Audra, Gary Jr., Dante, Brian, and Audie (deceased). Loving great-grandchildren Devon, Briana, Christopher, Melvin, and Tamara. A host of nieces and nephews; special friends Madeline Eubanks and Pearl Abraham.

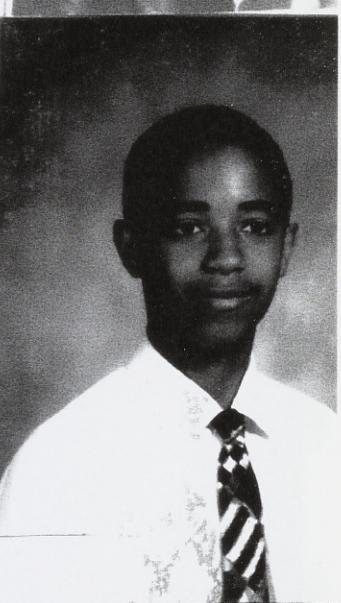
Order of Service

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| Musical Prelude..... | |
| Processional..... | |
| Scriptures: | |
| Old Testament..... | Rev. John Lee |
| New Testament..... | Min. Metrice Williams |
| Prayer..... | Min. Marvin Langford |
| Solo..... | Bro. Larry Gaines Sr. |
| | <i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i> |
| Expressions..... | (2 minutes please) |
| Acknowledgments..... | Sis. Judy McCormies |
| Obituary..... | Sis. Annie Johnson |
| Solo..... | Sis. Willa Gaye Williams |
| | <i>Blessed Assurance</i> |
| Words of Comfort..... | Rev. Lloyd Farr |
| Prayer..... | Min. Armstrong |

Interment
Sunset View Cemetery
El Cerrito, CA







To Those I Have Loved

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You must not tie yourself to me with tears.

I gave you my love,

You can only guess how much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

but now it's time I travel on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

*It's only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories within our heart.*

I won't be far away for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't touch me, I'll be near.

And if you listen within your heart,

you'll hear all my love around you, soft and clear.

And then when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and welcome you home.



Active Pallbearers

Bobby Johnson
Brian Cole
Earl Porter, Jr.

Eric Tillman, Sr.
Devon Porter
Gary Gaines, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Henry Alexander
Nick Waller
Gary Gaines, Sr
Tony Cole

George Alexander
Justin McMath
Ambye Mesfin
Michael Wilkes

Appreciation from the Family

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair; Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

*Special thanks to; Sutter VNA & Hospice of Emeryville, California,
Gambrø Health Care, Berkeley, California and Dr. Alfred Rothman*